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**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 7, of the specification to read:

For example, a screen which is constructed so that the left and right ends of an upper-end supporting member and the left and right ends of a supporting frame are connected and supported by means of left and right linking mechanisms consisting of upper-end side arms and supporting-frame side arms, thus making it possible to accomplish the smooth extension and retraction of the linking mechanisms with good stability, and to cause the screen to stand by itself with good stability, has already been proposed as a screen which solves the abovementioned problems (for example, see Fig. 1 of Japanese Patent No. 3243037 (Fig. 1)).

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 18, of the specification to read:

However, the abovementioned screen disclosed in Japanese Patent No. 3243037 (Fig. 1) (See Fig. 1 of Japanese Patent No. 3243037) has a construction in which the left and right linking mechanisms can be freely extended and retracted independently of each other, and has a construction in which the left and right linking mechanisms are caused to move in linkage with one end [of each linking mechanism] connected to the upper-end supporting member. Accordingly, if the screen is pushed downward by way of the left or right end portion of the upper-end supporting member of the screen in a deployed state, the upper-end supporting member will first drop considerably on the side that is pushed, thus causing this member to assume an inclined attitude, so that the linking mechanism on the side that has dropped is greatly shortened. As a result, a large load is applied only